GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:204
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2005
ACADEMIC STANDARD OF PRIVATE MEDICAL COLLEGES
Das Gupta Shri Gurudas

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received complaints regarding sub-standard education and lack of facilities in some of the private medical colleges in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government against such colleges?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 204 FOR 7TH DECEMBER, 2005.

Permission to establish a new Medical College, increase in intake capacity or for starting new courses of study is given under the provision of the Act by Central Government, after ascertaining the availability of both faculties and infrastructure through Medical Council of India (MCI), the recommendatory body set up for this purpose. MCI before making its recommendations for allowing for establishment of new College or for grant of annual renewal of permission wherever stipulated, conducts necessary inspections of the colleges for satisfying itself of the facilities available as per the required norms. The colleges are also inspected periodically by MCI even after the degree is recognized, for maintenance of the standard.

Accordingly, complaints regarding lack of facilities received by the Government is forwarded to MCI for taking appropriate action. Of late, Government also deputes its team to verify such complaints. Since in the process of evaluation of the facilities for maintenance of standard in Medical Colleges is dependent on the Inspection undertaken by the MCI, the entire procedure of Inspection including appointment of inspectors is being reviewed and streamlined by the Government to make it more transparent and effective.